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Speaker Bios

Angeline Godwin Dvorak President/CEO Mississippi Technology Inc. and The Institute for Technology Development

Dr. Angeline Godwin Dvorak assumed the position of President/CEO of Mississippi Technology, Inc. (MTI) and the Institute for Technology Development, Inc. (ITD) on November 1. MTI promotes and coordinates science and technology-based economic development, while ITD focuses on technology commercialization for the State of Mississippi, working closely with the Office of the Governor, the Mississippi Science and Technology Commission, and the Mississippi Economic Council.

Prior to accepting this position, Dr. Dvorak served as President of Ashland Community College in Ashland, Kentucky. Under her leadership, the college established a Division of Community, Workforce and Economic Development, including The Entrepreneur Center in the G.B. Johnson building that will host its grand opening on October 12, and a childcare center, KinderCollege, and Learning Academy. The college enjoyed its first enrollment increase since 1992 with 14% growth in fall 1999 and an additional 4% in fall 2000. Ashland Community College continues to be known for its excellent university-parallel transfer and career studies programs.

She served in a variety of community roles, including founding chair of Ashland Alliance board of directors, secretary-treasurer of the Northeast Kentucky Regional Industrial Authority, board member of Ramey-Estep Homes, United Way of Boyd and Greenup Counties, YMCA of Ashland, Highlands Museum and Discovery Center, Our Lady of Bellefonte—Bon Secours Hospital, City of Ashland Economic Development Advisory Board, Heritage Bank, Artists in Concert, and Leadership Tri-State. She also served as the founding co-chair of the Appalachian P-16 Council, board member of the Kentucky Center for Public Issues, and the American Association of Community Colleges Rural Policy Board.

Throughout her professional career, Dr Dvorak has been involved in advanced computer and telecommunications technologies, first as a developer and later as a project manager. She holds a master's degree from the University of Alabama, a master's degree and a Ph.D. from Florida State University, and a law degree from Thomas M. Cooley Law School.

She is married to Mark Dvorak, a practicing attorney and they have one daughter, Nikki, a sophomore at the University of Kentucky.